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REFER TO FILE: **B-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FINDING AND ORDERS OF THE  
BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the finding and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board which provide for abatement of public nuisance at the following location:

1106 Hinnen Avenue, La Puente

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99. The Building Code also provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board, appointed by your Board, for the purpose of hearing appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures which delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions which constitute a public nuisance. It will require the repair of a substandard structure and the removal of trash, junk, debris, and inoperable vehicles from private property.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no negative fiscal impact or increase in net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the property listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard property. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following property to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt the finding and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

**ADDRESS: 1106 Hinnen Avenue, La Puente**

**FINDING AND ORDERS:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by November 21, 2005, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by November 21, 2005. (c) That the structure(s) be repaired per noted defects by November 21, 2005.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Trash, junk, debris, and miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. A trailer stored for unreasonable periods of time in rear yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.
5. The premises contain attractive nuisances dangerous to children, i.e., abandoned or broken equipment, furniture, junk, tires, boxes, cans, and neglected machinery.
6. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.
7. A dilapidated shed and the wooden fence are and in a state of disrepair.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's finding that the listed property is substandard because it is injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstructs the free use of neighboring property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

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At such time as this recommendation is adopted, please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel